TRAIFORS NOT WANTED.

The American people are a grand conglomeration of all the civilized nac tions of the earth. The United States fullest sense of the term. They openly from infancy have been the refuge of the poor or the oppressed in every land Hence, we have an aggregation of bloods and of civilizations, not known elsewhere in the world.

Many theorists have looked upon this with alarm, and have predicted from it the overthrow of the great Republic. They have thought that as the iron and clay in the image which Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream, could not be amalgamated into an homogeneous or even adhesive whole; so the people coming from every land under the san. could not be combined into one patriotic and distinct American race.

But fact has contradicted theory, in this particular. The streams of poputation, eminating from such diverse incongruous sources, have and blended into the one mighty river, known as the American people. The foreigner of today becomes in his son, the American patriot of tomorrow. The sire, today, speaks the language of his father land, reads the papers from h's old home, and casts many a loving glance of memory upon the scenes of his child. The son, tomorrow, knows no language but the Americau, no home but the United States, no dag but the Stars and Stripes, for which when called on he gladly and gloriously lays down his life.

Such has been and continues to be the case all over this broad and beleved land of ours. Norwegish and Sweed, German and Dutch, Russian and Austrian, F=nch and Italian, Spanish and Mexican, English, Iri-h and Scotch-whatever the nationality of the immigrant, his descendants even in the first generation are true, loyal and loving Americans, devoted to the land that gave them birth and to the flag that protects their liberty and their lives.

It has been rumored for some time that the native citizens of New Mexico are an exception to this otherwise universal rule; that in our present trouble with Spain-a trouble exclusively for the relief of a down-trodden people of Spanish descent-the Spanish-Americaus of New Mexico sympathize with the enemy and are traitors in heart to their own country.

THE OPTIC has been unwilling to believe so abhorrent a charge, and one which would put our Mexican citizens at such disadvantage in comparison with the rest of the world. Lack of patriotism, lack of fealty to the land of one's birth, to turn against one's native land for any other, even though that other had been the home of our ancestry-these things are the darkest crime possible to any people,

THE OPTIC is therefore glad that it can say, and say truthfully and correctly, that it is satisfied the charge against the Mexican people of this Territory is false and slanderous. As a people, in San Miguel county as elsewhere in New Mexico, the natives of Spanish descent are devoted Americans, true to their country and its cause, ready to rally to their country's Il wherever their service shall be

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shame and regret that while this is true of the Mexicans generally, it is not true of all in Lus Vegus. There are a few here who are traitors in the favor Spain in this was as against their own country. They argue in the streets, they condemn their own government and express their approval of the enemy. They sorrow at Spain's losses and refuse to rejoice at American success. They soowl at the flag they sneer at the military, they have treaton on their tongues and treaton in their hearts.

These men are known. THE OPTIC could mention their names, but it is not necessary. Patriots have marked public indignation them and is growing and darkening around them. The very fact that some of them have been chronic office seekers and office holders, for many and many years, that they have drawn the money of the nation, enjoyed the protection of the laws, derived benefit from our institutions, have been honored and made prosperous by American citizensthese things but add to the deeper damination of their infamy, their perady, their traitorous words and con-

THE OPTIC would advise these men to quietness and decency, for while the American people are long suffering, there comes a time when public wrath overleaps all bounds and aweeps everything before it.

In speaking of the battle of Manila, the Salt Lake Telbus says:

The audacity and majesty of the fight grows upon one as it is thought over. It was said that there were thirty manifest guns in the fortifications; that the harbor was mined, and that the Spanish fleet was impatient for a chance to suits for the 'honor" of Spain. In the face of all, Commodore Dewey steamed straight in, and engaging the batteries and the ships at the same time smashed, and smashed, and amushed at them noted the batteries were still and the fleet all sunk except some little boats that got away up the harbor crt; pl d and timping.

THE Army and Navy Gazette thus speaks its mind:

Think of Harvard as a name to fight under, when not a vessel in the service honors that of William Baintridge or Isaac Hull or James Lawrence or John Paul Johns ! Conceive of calling a great crosser the Yale and a wretched little torpedo boat the Farragut or the Decalur! Only one step further and we shall have the United States monitor Vassar and the United States buttleship the Misses Jones's Suminary. Harvard and Yale and not Paul Jones or Hull! Shades of the mighty

A SPECIAL to the Denver News says: Reports as to the cattle situation in New Mexico state that in San Miguel county, whereat one time the ranges pastured over 175,000 head, there are less than 12,000 new Other sections of the Territory are no better off and the scanty remnants of bords are being further diminished daily. A cattle famine in that district, once so prolific in stock, is fast becoming a certainty. The fact is acknowledged by stockmen from that section who have been here this week.

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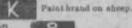


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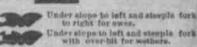
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